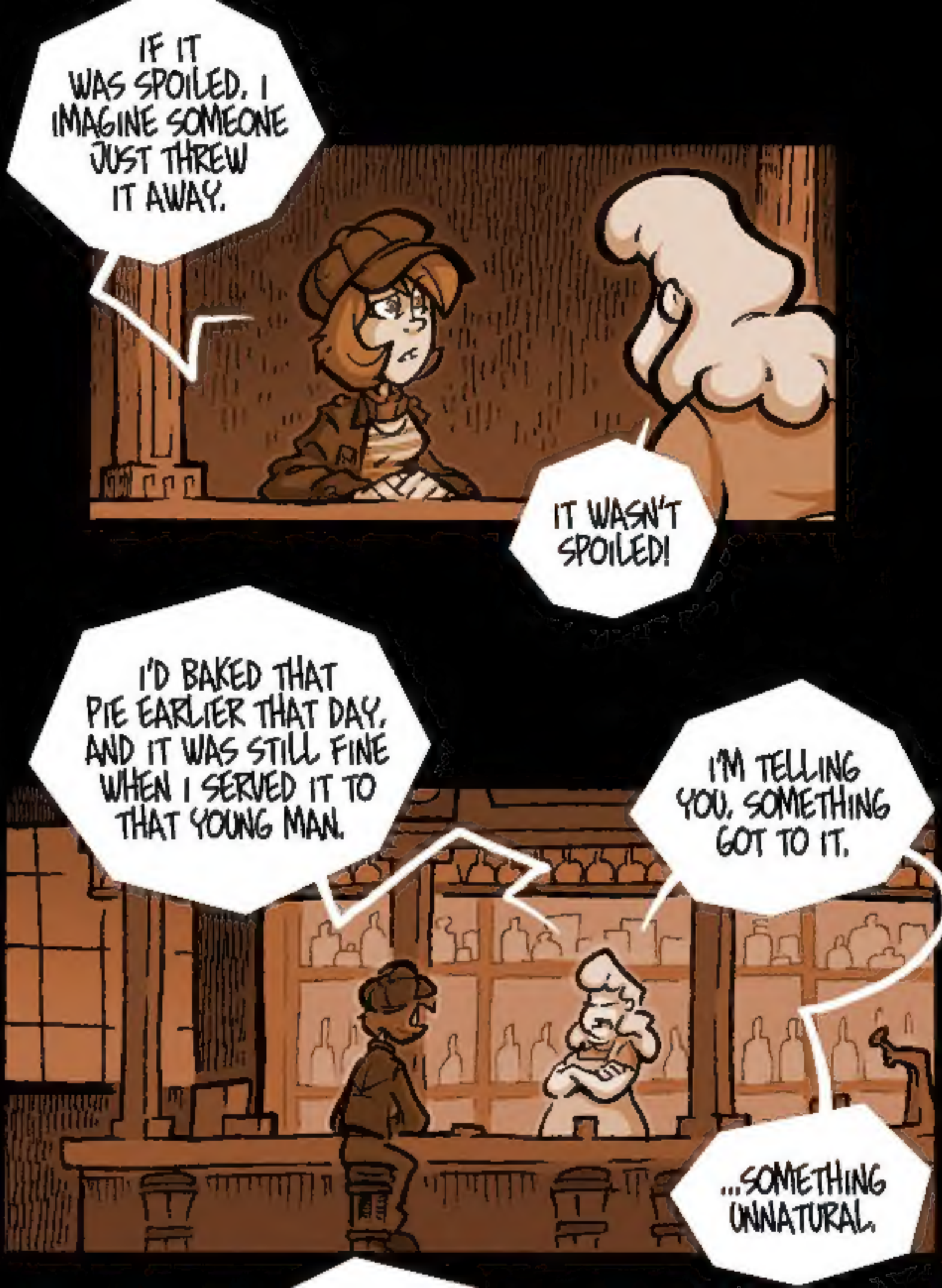
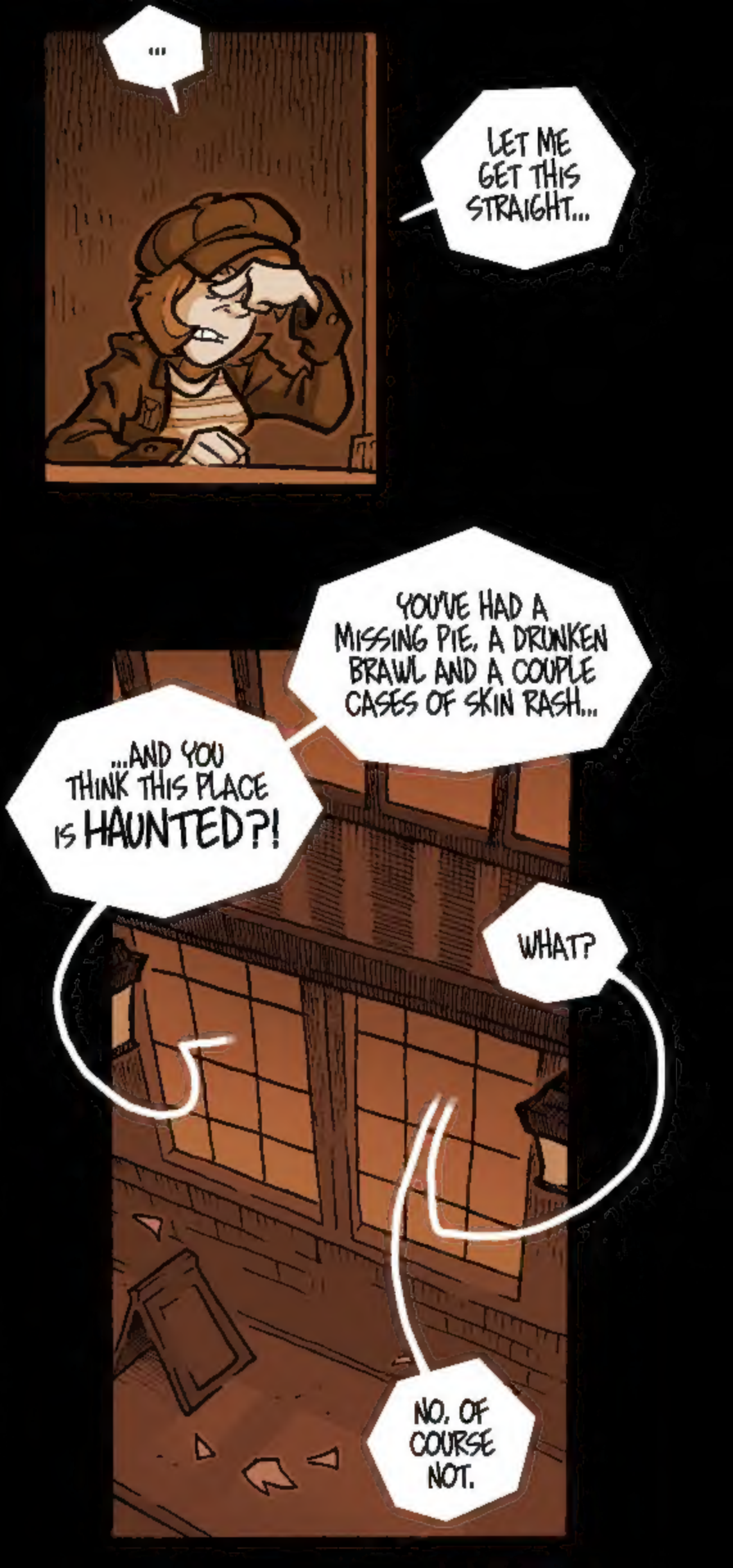
APOCALYPTIC HORSEPLAY

BY BOREDMAN

...A ROTTEN PIE?
A ROTTEN SLICE ACTUALLY.
THE REST OF THE PIE JUST VANISHED AFTERWARDS.


IF IT WAS SPOILED, I IMAGINE SOMEONE JUST THREW IT AWAY.
IT WASN'T SPOILED!
I'D BAKED THAT PIE EARLIER THAT DAY, AND IT WAS STILL FINE WHEN I SERVED IT TO THAT YOUNG MAN.
I'M TELLING YOU, SOMETHING GOT TO IT.
...SOMETHING UNNATURAL.

AND THAT'S NOT ALL! BEFORE THAT WE'VE HAD CUSTOMERS GET AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS FOR NO REASON!
OH, AND LAST WEEK, MY HUSBAND AND A FEW OTHERS GOT SICK.
IT WASN'T FOOD POISONING MIND YOU, JUST SOME KIND OF CHICKENPOX.
ONLY IT'S NOT CALLED CHICKENPOX... IT'S ANOTHER ANIMAL I THINK.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LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT...
YOU'VE HAD A MISSING PIE, A DRUNKEN BRAWL AND A COUPLE CASES OF SKIN RASH...
...AND YOU THINK THIS PLACE IS HAUNTED?!
WHAT?
NO. OF COURSE NOT.

I NEVER SAID HAUNTED. I SAID CURSED.
LIKE A WITCH'S CURSE, YOU KNOW?

RIGHT.
NOW LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I THINK ...
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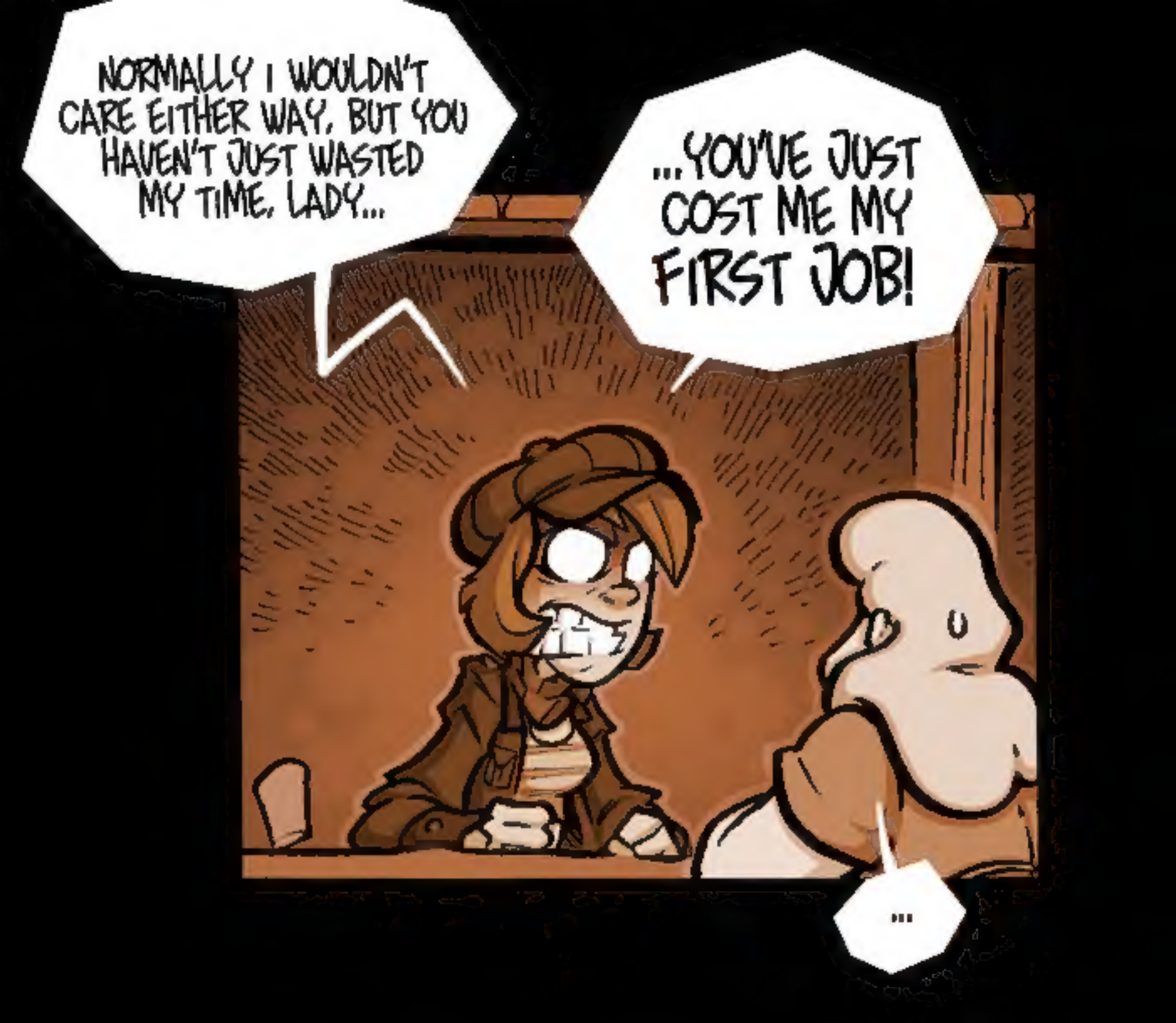
EITHER A) YOU WATCH TOO MUCH BAD TELLY.
B) YOU'VE BEEN ABUSING YOUR OWN PRODUCTS
OR C) YOU'RE AFTER SOME SORT OF PUBLICITY STUNT THAT'LL HELP DRAG A WHOLE NEW CROWD INTO THIS PLACE.
WHAT? NO, NOT AT ALL! WE JUST...


NORMALLY I WOULDN'T CARE EITHER WAY. BUT YOU HAVEN'T JUST WASTED MY TIME, LADY...
...YOU'VE JUST COST ME MY FIRST JOB!
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-SIGH-
OSCAR WAS RIGHT...
I SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN SCHOOL.

PLEASE MISS, DON'T GO...
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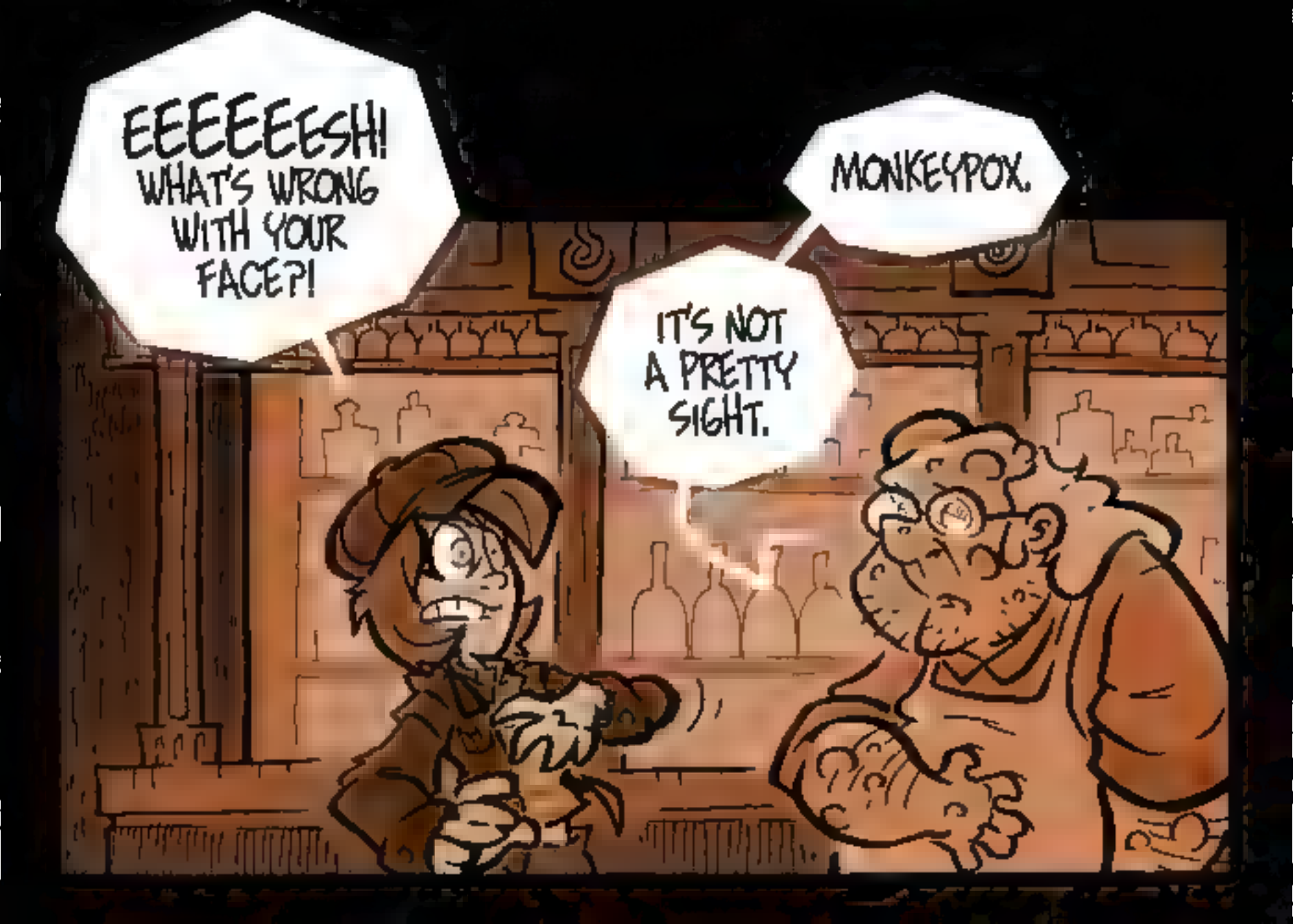
GIVE US A CHANCE TO...


EEEEEEESH! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR FACE?!
IT'S NOT A PRETTY SIGHT.
MONKEYPOX.

AH, YES! MONKEYPOX!.
I KNEW IT WAS A FUNNY ANIMAL LIKE THAT.
MONKEY POX?
HOW DID YOU GET...

HANG ON ...
THAT'S ONE OF THE EXOTIC DISEASES THAT WERE JUST STOLEN FROM THE CDC!
WHEN DID YOU SAY THIS STARTED?
LAST WEEK.
SO AROUND THE SAME TIME I GUESS.

NOW THAT'S INTERESTING!
DO YOU MIND IF I SIT OVER THERE?
I THINK I BETTER STICK AROUND THIS PLACE FOR A WHILE.
HEM... OKAY.

ALSO, I'D LOVE TO TRY SOME PIE IF YOU HAVE ANY.
I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE IN CURSES!
I DON'T.
BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IN COINCIDENCES EITHER.